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Domestic Violence Awareness

Domestic violence is often considered the intentional emotional or physical abuse of a person by an intimate partner such as a spouse or boyfriend. More recently, however, "domestic violence" has been used to describe other forms of violence including abuse of elders and children, sibling abuse, and violence between same-sex partners. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has, therefore, chosen the term "intimate partner violence" (IPV) as a more precise description of a serious problem.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month has been selected as a time to focus efforts to increase the public's awareness of intimate partner violence. IPV is actual or threatened physical or sexual violence, or psychological/emotional abuse. Some of the common terms used to describe IPV include domestic abuse, spouse abuse, domestic violence, battering, marital and date rape.

According to the **National Crime Victimization Survey**, nearly 1 million incidents of non-lethal IPV occurred each year from 1992 to 1996; 85% of victims were women. An average of approximately 8 in 1,000 women and 1 in 1,000 men age 12 or older experienced a violent victimization from a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend. In 1992 and 1993, 92% of rapes of women were committed by known assailants. About half of all rapes and sexual assaults against women are committed by friends or acquaintances; 26% are by intimate partners. Lethal intimate violence data from FBI Uniform Crime Reports between 1992 and 1996 indicate that in 1996 about 2,000 murders were attributed to intimate partners, down from 3,000 two decades earlier.

Intimate partner violence is an act of power and control.

In Long Beach, the number of domestic violence-related calls for assistance averaged 12.3 per 1,000 adult population (18 and older) each year from 1993 to 1995. Between 1993 and 1996, an average of 10% of the domestic

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Communicable Disease Report

Selected Reportable Diseases for the City of Long Beach

Disease	Sept.	Sept.	YTD	YTD
AIDS	23	25	140	175
AMEBIASIS	3	2	11	10
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	8	3	49	69
CHLAMYDIAL INFECTIONS	165	116	1,198	1,084
GIARDIASIS	11	9	53	47
GONORRHEA	50	40	427	367
H. INFLUENZAE	0	2	3	6
HEPATITIS A	5	28	44	127
HEPATITIS B, acute	1	0	10	8
HEPATITIS C, acute	0	0	1	0
MEASLES	0	0	0	0
MENINGITIS, viral (aseptic)	6	4	67	19
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS	0	1	2	6
NON-GONOCOCCAL URETHRITIS (NGU)	20	16	150	159
PERTUSSIS	1	0	3	2
RUBELLA	0	0	0	0
SALMONELLOSIS	13	15	58	66
SHIGELLOSIS	22	23	52	65
SYPHILIS, primary and secondary	1	0	16	20
SYPHILIS, early latent (<1 year)	5	1	17	10
TUBERCULOSIS	6	6	40	82

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violence-related calls involved a weapon.

IPV is a substantial health problem in the United States that has serious consequences and costs for individuals, families, communities, and society.

Local resources:

- ♥ WomenShelter (562) 437-4663 – A hotline and shelter for battered women.
- ♥ Interval House (562) 594-4555 – 24 hour hotline and shelter for battered women and children.
- ♥ Su Casa (562) 402-4888 – 24 hour hotline and shelter for battered women.
- ♥ Public Health Nursing (562) 570-4368 – Referrals and information.

Licensed health practitioners who provide medical services for any physical condition to a patient must make a report to local law enforcement about various violations of the Penal Code, including domestic abuse, if, during the course of providing medical services, the practitioner reasonably suspects that the patient is suffering from any wound or other physical injury stemming from assaultive or abusive conduct. For more information about reporting responsibilities, or to report a suspected case of domestic abuse in Long Beach, contact the Police Department at (562) 570-7277.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov/ncipic/dvp/ipvfacts.htm; Family Health Outcomes Project, 1997; Family Violence Prevention Fund, February 1996.

Do You Need to Have a Mammogram But Can't Afford One?

The Breast Cancer Early Detection Program (BCEDP) can help. You can get a free breast exam IF:

- ♦ Your income is 200% of the federal poverty level or below;
- ♦ You are uninsured or underinsured;
- ♦ You are 40 years of age or older.

Long Beach providers who do free breast cancer screening include:

Coast Radiology and Medical
1040 Elm Street
562-432-0079

Tomi Evans, M.D.
701 E. 28th Street, Suite 411
562-426-0338

Touradj Farhadi, M.D.
Panacea Health Care
2630 Pacific Avenue
562-426-3399

Milton Lee, M.D.
Women's Health Care Services
1043 Elm Avenue
562-901-1870

Long Beach Memorial Breast Center
701 E. 28th Street, Suite 200
562-933-7880

Pacific Family Practice Clinic
2683 Pacific Avenue
562-427-4172

St. Mary Medical Center
1043 Elm Avenue
800-377-7040

Marvin E. Weiner
Willow Radiology Medical Group
500 W. Willow, Suite 8
213-383-0499

Westside Neighborhood Clinic
1436 W. 23rd Street
562-595-5507

Call 1-800-511-2300 for more information.

Health Department Phone Numbers

General Information
(562) 570-4000
www.ci.long-beach.ca.us/health

Alcohol/Drug Rehabilitation
(562) 570-4100

Animal Control Shelter
(562) 570-7387

Early Intervention Program/
HIV Testing/STD Clinic
(562) 570-4315

Environmental Health
(562) 570-4132

Immunizations/Walk-In Clinic
(562) 570-4222

Prenatal Clinic
(562) 570-4217

Senior Center
(562) 570-3531

Tobacco Education Program
(562) 570-8508

WIC Program
(562) 570-4242

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This information is available in an alternative format.

Data contained in this publication are considered provisional due to reporting delays.

AIDS Surveillance Program Data

City of Long Beach Data as of September 30, 1998

3,398 Total Long Beach City AIDS Cases	(2,102 deceased - 62% Mortality Rate)
3,389 Adult Cases	(2,097 deceased - 62% Mortality Rate)
9 Pediatric Cases	(5 deceased - 56% Mortality Rate)

AIDS Cases by Gender

	#	%
Male	3,223	95
Female	175	5

AIDS Cases by Race/Ethnicity

	#	%
White, Not Hispanic	2,201	65
Black, Not Hispanic	559	16
Hispanic	570	17
Asian/Pacific Islander	53	2
American Indian/Alaskan	8	<1
Unknown	7	<1

AIDS Cases by Exposure Category

	#	%
Male-to-Male Contact	2,622	77
Intravenous Drug Use	281	8
Male-to Male Contact and Intravenous Drug Use	264	8
Heterosexual Contact	110	3
Recipient of Blood/Blood Products Transfusion	25	<1
Hemophilia/Coagulation Disorder	12	<1
Mother at Risk (Perinatal Exposure)	8	<1
Risk Not Reported/Other	76	2


 You're Invited
Red Ribbon Week "Blast Off" Event
 Saturday, October 24, 1998
 from
 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 at the
 Health Department
 2525 Grand Avenue
 Long Beach

Music Raffle
 Games Speakers
 Information Entertainment

NEWS FLASH!



On September 30, 1998, Governor Pete Wilson vetoed a bill that would have required California health care providers to report HIV cases through a unique identifier system. While it is generally recognized that the state needs an HIV surveillance system to better track the spread of the virus, opponents of the bill argued that HIV should be reported by name like other infectious diseases, including AIDS. Therefore, no changes to the existing AIDS Surveillance system have been made. AIDS cases should be reported to (562) 570-4298.












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
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








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




The California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500, requires the report of communicable diseases and conditions. To report a case of a communicable disease, contact the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Epidemiology Program at 562-570-4302 or by fax at 562-570-4374.









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
AIDS
Amebiasis  FAX
Anisakiasis  FAX
Anthrax 
Babesiosis  FAX
Botulism 
Brucellosis
Campylobacteriosis  FAX
Chancroid
Chlamydial Infections
Cholera 
Ciguatera Fish Poisoning 
Coccidioidomycosis
Colorado Tick Fever  FAX
Conjunctivitis, Acute Infectious of the Newborn  FAX
Cryptosporidiosis  FAX

Cysticercosis
Dengue 
Diarrhea of the Newborn 
(Outbreaks)
Diphtheria 
Domoic Acid Poisoning 
Echinococcosis
Ehrlichiosis
Encephalitis  FAX
Escherichia coli O157:H7 
Foodborne Disease  FAX †
Giardiasis
Gonococcal Infections
Haemophilus Influenzae  FAX
Hantavirus Infections 
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome 
Hepatitis, Viral  FAX
Kawasaki Syndrome
Legionellosis


Leprosy
Leptospirosis
Listeriosis  FAX
Lyme Disease
Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis  FAX
Malaria  FAX
Measles  FAX
Meningitis  FAX
Meningococcal Infections 
Mumps
Non-Gonococcal Urethritis
Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning 
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)  FAX
Plague, Human or Animal 
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic  FAX
Psittacosis  FAX
Q Fever  FAX

Rabies, Human or Animal 
Relapsing Fever  FAX
Reye Syndrome
Rheumatic Fever, Acute
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Rubella
Rubella Syndrome, Congenital
Salmonellosis  FAX
Scombroid Fish Poisoning 
Shigellosis  FAX
Streptococcal Infections  FAX
(Outbreaks of Any Type and Individual Cases in Food Handlers and Dairy Workers Only)
Swimmer's Itch  FAX
Syphilis  FAX
Tetanus
Toxic Shock Syndrome
Toxoplasmosis
Trichinosis  FAX

Tuberculosis  FAX
Tularemia
Typhoid Fever  FAX (Cases and Carriers)
Typhus Fever
Vibrio Infections  FAX
Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers 
Water-associated Disease  FAX
Yellow Fever 
Yersiniosis  FAX
OCCURRENCE of ANY UNUSUAL DISEASE
OUTBREAKS of ANY DISEASE 
Reportable Noncommunicable Diseases/Conditions
Alzheimer's Disease
Cancer
Disorders Characterized by Lapses of Consciousness

 FAX = Report by FAX, telephone, or mail within one (1) working day of identification.

† = Report immediately by telephone when two (2) or more cases or suspected cases of foodborne disease from separate households are suspected to have the same source of illness.

 = Report immediately by telephone.
All other diseases/conditions should be reported by FAX, telephone, or mail within seven (7) calendar days of identification.